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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director
for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Request for Information about Contacts with
Academics and Other Professional Researchers

The fact that lists of names of academic contacts have been requested for purposes unclear to analysts in the Directorate has caused some concern. At the request of all concerned offices, I wish to stress the fact that the CIA relationship with many of these people is based on their understanding that the Agency will take no unilateral action that will focus public attention on them (particularly in their campus communities). Though the academics voluntarily consult with us on substantive matters -- sometimes for pay, and sometimes not -- few feel that their association should be a matter for general public discussion. If names began to appear as a result of Agency testimony before Congress, or releases to the press, our ability to maintain these very useful relationships would be seriously damaged.

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